This is in response to your 18 April 1980 letter to the Director inquiring about the leak cases which we have referred to the Department of Justice since 1 January 1979 and about

Since 1 January 1979 we have reported to the Department of Justice nine cases involving the unauthorized disclosure of classified information. We are also aware of additional cases which were reported to Justice by other Executive

The leaks which were reported were not the only ones which occurred in this time frame, but it is our practice to report only those leaks which seem amenable to investigation or are particularly damaging. When Agency officers become aware of media reports which appear to contain classified

information, the matter is referred to our Office of Security.

Enclosed are brief summaries of the nine cases which

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Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Carlucci

Security officials attempt to confirm that the disclosed information is classified and also to determine whether the information can be sourced to a specific classified document. The case is then forwarded to the Office of General Counsel which determines whether the matter should be reported to

were reported to Justice. We would be pleased to discuss with you any of these cases in which you have a continuing

House of Representatives : Washington, D. C. 20515

the responses we have received.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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DATE AND DESCRIPTION OF LEAK: On 62 separate occasions in the period from 1 January 1979 through 5 May 1980, Jack Anderson and his associate Dale Van Atta have produced articles, syndicated columns and broadcasts which disclose "Secret" and "Top Secret" information (see Attachment). Mr. Anderson not only has quoted extensively from these Secret	
and Top Secret documents in his daily column, but has actually displayed them during his television commentaries on the Good Morning America program.	25 X 1
The Office of Security has sourced the classified information in these news features to over one hundred Intelligence Community documents. These include White House memoranda,	3-
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Our concern is not merely about the unauthorized disclosures of national security information and intelligence sources and methods which have occurred, but also about the possibility of an even larger number of exposures in the future as Jack Anderson begins to exploit the unused portions of the documents which have formed the basis for his previous	
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RESPONSE (26 November 1979): We were informed by the Attorney General that neither civil nor criminal action is warranted at this time against Mr. Anderson but that the Criminal Division is working closely with the FBI to determine	
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